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LIBRARIES IN COLONIAL VIRGINIA.

The careful examination of thousands of wills and inventories enables the Editor to say that books were not rare in Virginia during the Colony. Very few of the inventories of personal estates are without mention of them, though a failure to mention is not always conclusive of their absence.

As we go back in the records and approach the primitive times of the Colony, the evidence becomes fainter. Still, the backwoodsmen of Virginia, in the times of the first Charles, presented no worse picture than the English gentry as represented by Macaulay.(1)

Some of the Libraries of the Virginia gentry, notably those of William Byrd, Ralph Wormeley, Richard Lee, &c., were astonishingly rich—many of their books being great folios expensively illustrated.

I propose to publish a series of these Libraries, giving the exact language of the appraisers, who were not always scholars themselves.

I. LIBRARY of Col. Ralph Wormely, Esq., of "Rose-

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(1) The New England inventories cannot claim superiority. It would seem, from his inventory, that Ozias Goodwin had no books (1683), and "a Bible and two other books" made up the library of his son, William Goodwin, (1689) The "Goodwins of Connecticut" pp. 100, 113. In the "Wentsworth Genealogy" fourteen out of thirty-five Massachusetts settlers made their marks in 1639--p. 73. "In his 'Colonial Times on Buzzard's Bay,' Mr. William Root Bliss shows us how illiterate the first immigrants to Plymouth were, and how much rubbish is collected in the museum of Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth. He shows that, of the first company of settlers whose feet are supposed to have assisted in polishing the old rock, eleven are favorably known The rest are known unfavorably or else only by name"--New York *Critic* for Nov. 25, 1893. Weeden shows that the wretched education obtained by the masses in New England, till a very late day was a doubtful competency, to read, write and cipher. The free schools taught two months in winter and two months in summer. See Weeden's "Economic and Social History of New England."

gill," Middlesex Co., b. 1650—d. 1701[1]; matric. Oriell Coll., Oxford, July 14, 1665, member Virginia Council and Secretary of the Colony, trustees of William and Mary College, &c.

Total inventory of Ralph Wormeley, of Middlesex County, as appraised by virtue of an order of Middl^{x} County Court 3 Novr 1701, "excepting the horses and mares and the in Pamunkey Neck and freshes of Rapp^{a}" is £2,861 6 0.

Places mentioned: "Parlor chamber, chamber over sd. chamber, chamber over the parlor, nursery, old nursery, room over the Ladyes chamber, Ladies chamber, entry, store, home house quarter, home house, quarter over the creek, Smiths shopp, Barne, kitchen, Dary, chamber over the old Dary, flemings quarter, Robinsons quarter, Whitakers quarter, Black Wallnut Quarter."

At the home house: "8 English servants, among them a shoemaker, a Tayler & Miller."

BOOKS.

"In Madam Wormeleys closet Books Inventory not valued:

Oglebees America in folio, Daltons Country Justices, Doct^{r} Willis practice of Physick, Doct^{r} Andros sermons folio, the history of Great Britain, the Book of homileys, Burnets first part of Refermacon, the History of ye world in folio, Doct^{r} Burnet's theor. of ye earth, the reports of Sr Edwd Cook, D^{r} ffeetley's Book, the Gen^{ll} History of Spaine folio, Hylings [Heylin's] Cosmography, the ffamous Doct^{r} Usher Body of Divinity, Doct^{r} Halls treaties in folio, fifty Comodys & tragedies in folio, a Dixionary, Doct^{r} Andros 96 Sermons in folio, 1 Latin book for the sacrem^{t} in fol., Hooker's Eclasaastis [Ecclesiastical] polity, the second part of Pools annotacons on ye Bible,[2] Phillips world of words in Latin, the 8th book of the Peloponesian warr, Naman the asserian, the History

(1) Will proyed April 7, 1701, hence Hayden 230, errs in stating death, Dec. 5, 1703.

(2) According to Allibone this consisted of 2 vols. fol., costing, in 1583, 1£ 5s.

of Phillip Decoming, a reply to the Jesuits, St. Thoma the History of ye world or an acco^t of time, the holy State, enquiry into Humane nature, the princis Cloria, the new world of words a Latin Dixionary, the history of Geoge Castriat, the history of Scotland, Sr Francis Bancon's naturall history, the Spanish and English Dixionary, Rusha (Rushworth's) collection ye 2d vollem & second part, Aphorisms Civil and Military, the patterne of Catechistical Doctrine, two Books of Shephard's abridgment, Key of the Bible, the life and Reigne of King Charles, Rusha Collections, ye 2d part of the Laws of Eclasastical policy, the merchants mapp of comerce, Burton mellancholly, the History of the Island of Barbados, the Displaying of Supposed witchcraft, the reports of Sr Edwd Cook, Experimental natural philosophy, the state of the Ottamy Expire, Doct^r Browns book of Physick, Doct. ffuller's holy state, the life of Gusmon, the Gen^ll History of ffrance, naturall magick, ffuller's wortheys, works of John Boyse, a treaties of Justification, Josephus a geographicall Dixionary, a Geographical Description of the four parts of ye world, the works of Sr Wm Davenant, Doctr^r taylor's course of sermons, the works of John Boyse, Lex. murketoria, a Collection of Travells, ye history of ye Low Countries, Ambros Perry (Paré? a celebrated French surgeon), Camdan's Brittania, Bishop Babington's works, the History of the civil warrs of ffrance, the Common prayer book, the practice of ye Law, the third part of the Institutes of ye Lawe of England, a prospect of ye most famous parts of the world, an old Latin Book, thorowgood's travells, a chirurgicall old Book, an Embersee from ye East India Comp^a to ye Grand Tartar, the Dutch annotacons on ye holy Bible, the Second part of Burnets Reformacon, the Civil warrs of Cæsar and Pompey, the Sea Bacon, a new survey of the West Indies, a Description of the Body of man, the first part of Cook's Institutes, a Collection of the Laws of Virginia, Contemplacons upon the New Testament, a Concordance to ye Bible, Resolves, a ffrench & English Dixionary, the office & authority of sheriffs, the Chyrurgans mate, the morning Exercises, an old Law book, an apology of Christian Divinity, a book of homileys, jurisdiction of Lawfull authority, the impartiall history of Ireland, the office of justice of the peace, Experiments in Consort (?), Culpeper Dispensatory, an Abridgm^t of the Eclesastical Laws, Pancreatick Juice, the Earle of Staffords tryall, a treasis of the gout, the mistery of the Jesuitts, a Dixionary,

the History of the church, the citys and towns of England the Body of Cookery, Doctr Taylor's holy living and Dying, Divine knowledge, the new naturall Breviam, the value of money, the naturall faculties of man, the way to health long life and happiness, the mirror of justice, the compleat Gentleman, the Rudiments of Latin and Greeke, two treaties of Governmt, sermons of Divinity, an English Dixionary, Clerks guide, Orations, the foundacons of monarchy, Grámer-the theaters of Gods judgmts, the English Dixionary, an other Dixionary, the whole Duty of man, the English primrose, Wallers Poems, Howell's Letters, Historians guide, Sober Inspections, choice peices of Antiquity, Byfield upon Physick Herberts Divine Poems, the reasonableness of Christianity, Davids Repentance, Reverions by Culpeper, Gallons (Galen's) art of Physick, Ovid's Tragedy, a small Latin Book, the unlearned Keymiss (Chemist), Culpepers Last Legacy.

In Esqr Wormeleys closet Books Inventoried not valued: Glabers (Glauber's) Kimistry, the State of United Provinces, the Colledges of Oxford, Kings of England, Every man [in] his humor, Ecclesastical History in Latin, a view of all Religions in the world, the Articles of Visitacon Enquiery, the Laws of Virginia, the present State of England, an old Latin Physick Book, the wife of Donalimpa, an Introduction to Geography, the Laws of Virginia, a Lattin Bible, an old Law Book, statutes at Large, Church Bible, a Latin Book, the Royall Gravier, Sr Walter Raleigh, the History of the West Indies, Skill of Music, the Genll History of ffrance, Winchestr Schoole, the Laws of Virga, Swinborns wills and testaments, Sands travells, a Description of the Persian monarchy, a conspiracy against Charles the Second, Plutochs Lives in foure parts, the remains of a greater work, the faith and Doctrine of England, Christian Directory, the Rustick Sallarom, two books called Doctrinne of Tryangles, ffrench Gramer, the Essays of Council civil and morall, the poems of Wm Cartwright, the rule for granting passes, Ovids Destristamas (Des Tristiens), Interest mistaken, A Sacred Dialogue in Lattin, Remains of Sr Walter Rawleigh, the Book of Lamentacons, mariners compass, the present state of England, the English Secretary, the marriners news callender, Englands Beauty, an easy Compendium ffrench, gramer, Christian Policy, Meneimistica, a small French book, a treaties of English particles, Hudybras the third and last part, no cross no crowne, a Dialogue of ffrench English & Latin, a treatis of

afflictions, a Phililogicall comentory, Ovids metamorphosis in Latin, a mathematicall book, the Empiror & Empior by trade, the office of the blessed Virgin Mary, the younge clerks guide an easy entrance to ye Latin tongue, Poems & Ellogies. a Gramerr, the old world of words, of Athisem (Atheism) a cronichel of the Intestin warr, A Pathway to knowledge, The negros and Indians Advocate, Christ and ye Church, English horseman, a book of Rates, Reflections upon the maxims of Solomon, Genteel Siner, Virginia Law Book, the English Secretary, the Universall Body of Physick, the Laws of New England, the Defence of Constantine, totall Discourse, the works of John Vigoe, Dr. Haymans practical Catechism, Quaries Divine Poems, Doct^r of tryangles, London Dispensitory, six new plays, the history of St. George, Norwoods Epitomy, Cabinet of Council, State of ffrance, the unjust mans doom, a small Latin Book, the art of making wine & Brandy, magna Britania, the English Physitian, the Elements of the Comon Law, a manuell of millions, the History of tithes, the country ffarme, a Looking Glass for the times, an Abridgm^t for the Christian Doctrine, an old book of frates, Garden of Parradise, Latin Bible, a Catacasticall Discourse, country ffarme, a manuell of millions, an Entertainm^t for Lent, Remarks of the Gallants, Geographicall parts of the world in Latin, help to ye English history, Pethagallas (Pythagoras ?) Philosophy, a Dixionary, a Lattin book, the life of St. Augustin, Comentarii, the office of Justice of the peace, Scorbuto Morbo Libo, Euchiridion Practicum, Religione disce, mischeife of self-Ignorance Restitution, of Decayed Intelligence, Novo trigidia (?), Resolves, Jure mauritamo, Virgills Eloges, the ffrench Gardiner, Rome Exactly Described, a Latin Book, Rome Described, Hieronimy Ovids Invictalls (Festivals ?), Essays and Parradoxes, Cordelious, Restitution of the Greek Gramer, Senacas morralls, a practical catechisme, Horace, collection of Statues, choice presidents, a Dixionary of Latin & Greek, Cesiros prince, Johannes Amos Camen, consideracons of natural philosophy, Doct^r Burnetts letters, a present for papists, tryumph of Rome, Doct^r Colebath, England tryumphs, Aditus, the art of Brewing, Virgell, Ostend to be taken by treachery, Gulieni Amesii, the Learned Mad, Q. Curtij Rufi Historiae, Seneca moralls, the Genuien use & effects of a Gun, treatis of y^e Interests of y^e prince & y^e st_te of Christendom, Historicall Collections, familiara coloquia, Emanuell of millions, the life & Reigne of King Richard, the works of

the great monarch, Honorastisimo, Terentius, Englands Treasure in trade, Manaductia, some letters containing what is remarkable in Italy, first book of the Discovery of a new world, a french book.

The third and last part of Hudibras. A Book of benefitting, courtior of coubaldy (?), Godly and fruitfull sermons, sure guide to the french tongue, a Physick book, third book of Cicero, new Dixionary, Moses and Aaron, Principals of the Gramar, Vindication, new Covenant, Laws of Virga, Lutrox (Plutarch's) Lives, the new art of Dying, History of Don Quixote, Church Bible: Jno Donne, Esops ffables, Questions concerning the Soule, Golon, Remaines of ye Reverend Jno. Hailes, the coming man's incaranation, Riders Dixionary concerning princes, an old Book of Geography, Michael Lord Mountague in french, an old Book of Latin and English sermons, Rich. Baxter's confession of his faith, pious annotacons upon ye holy Bible, a Book dedicated to ye nobilily of ffrance, Danilis Chaemiri, Satirs upon the Jesuitts, treatis of the two Sacrements, Magisticall estutogicall deviner, History of ye Reigne of Henry 7th, Geographicall history of Africa, Historia Mundi, a designe of Christianity, an English Exposition, a Discourse touching the Spanish monarch, Le flores, Copias Dixonary in three parts, God's plea for Nineveth, Genll History af Verga new England & ye Sumer Islands, Gower de, the books of televious, Matalisco mitis mytholo, want of Charity justly charged, Lectures on the 15th Psalme, ffriendly Conference between between minister and parishioner, privileedges of the Barronage of England, weekes preparacon towards receiving the Lords supper, eighteen ffrench bocks.

II. LIBRARY of Mr Mathew Hubard as appears in "an Inventory Made by Mrs Slbella Huberd his Relict and administratrix & being apprized according to order of York County Court by mr Robert Harrison mr James Besouth, mr George Gill and mr Daniel Dunbar being sworne by mr Daniel Wyld one of his maties Justices of the said county of York the xxiith day of August 1667." [Matthew Huberd was a merchant and an early justice of York county, and married Sibella Ham, widow of Jerome Ham, justice and burgess. From him many of the name of Huberd, Hubbard, Hubberd, in Virginia, are descended. The property of Mathew Huberd represents very fairly the estate of the respectable immigrant, who had lived long enough to see the possibility of wealth in something else

than cattle and swine. There were four rooms besides the kitchen, buttery and outhouses, 7 English servants, 7 horses, 41 cattle, £5 1s. worth of plate, in all an estate of 5 or 600 pounds in money, much of it in debts due.

"BOOKS.

Riverius body of Physic fol, Physitians Library fo, Riders dictionary q^to^, Capt Smith of Virginia fol, Benj Johnsons Remaines fol, Purchas pilgrimage fol, A Latine Bible q^to^, Tutor to Astronomy q^to^, Culpepers dispensatory 8°, Prynne against the Prelacy q^to^, Exposition of comandm^ts^ q^to^, Astrea a french Romance q^to^, Donnes Poems q^to^, french Accident q^to^, Youngs Antidote ag^t^ griefe 8to, A Reply to a Relacon of Land for ffishers conference q^to^, A bible 8to, Legende Lignea 8to, God a good Master 8to, Esops ffables 8to, practice of piety 8to, Swedish intelligencer 4to, Boarnerges & Barnabas 8to, Christ sett forth 8to, A latine comon prayer booke 8to, Miscellany of prayers, Seldens titles of honor 8to, Culpeppers Anatomy fol, and other old books." [Valued at £2 10s.] In addition to these there were "several bundles of writings and old bookes of little concernment." "Mr. Huberd's bookes of Accompts wherein nothing or very little of credite to the Estate can be found."

III. LIBRARY of Peyton Randolph, Esq., President of the Continental Congress, as appears from an appraisement taken Jan. 5, 1776.

"A Library of Books as p. Catalogue, £250." [Among other items in the appraisemennt are 6 mahogany book presses at 30s. a piece, 1 do. writing table £3, 1 large mahogany table £5, 1 round table 15s., 1 paper press 10s., 1 clock £5, 1 pair backgammon tables 10s., 30 gallons of rum £7 10, a parcell of wine in bottles, containing almost a pipe £60, 5 chariot horses £230, 1 phæton £15, 1 chariot and 8 harness, 173 head of cattle, 104 hogs, 105 negroes, &c.]